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**PROCEEDING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COUNTY OF JEFFERSON, STATE OF MONTANA
April 21, 2009**

Present: Commissioners Lythgoe and Kirsch; Harold Stepper, County Planner; Lanning Trueb

Absent: Commissioner Weber

MINUTES

Commissioner Kirsch moved to adopt the minutes of April 14. Commissioner Lythgoe seconded. The motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

WHITEHALL FOREST SERVICE OFFICE

Commissioner Lythgoe noted that the Weed Board has written a letter to the Beaverhead-Deer Lodge district ranger asking that the Whitehall office remain open. The Commission office also needs to develop a letter.

TSEP

Commissioner Lythgoe noted the receipt of a letter from the Department of Commerce regarding a TSEP workshop. He feels that Joe Carter and one Commissioner should attend.

BUILDING CODES REVISION

Commissioner Lythgoe said that the Commission received an e-mail from the Department of Labor and Industry stated that the building codes bureau has been getting unsolicited comments regarding sprinkler code, for and against. They have set up several study groups and he would like Harold or Mike to attend.

SPEED ZONE STUDY

Commissioner Lythgoe noted the receipt of a letter from the Department of Transportation regarding a speed study on Highway 69 south of Boulder. They recommend a 55 mph zone.

Commissioner Kirsch moved to write a letter concurring with their findings. Commissioner Lythgoe seconded. The motion carried.

BOYD ANDREW

A form from Boyd Andrew to earmark for alcohol tax distribution was presented for signature.

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The form was signed and will be returned.

NOXIOUS WEED TRUST GRANT

The noxious weed trust grant form was presented for signature. The forms were signed and will be returned to the Weed Supervisor for completion.

CALENDAR REVIEW

- 4/22 MACo planning meeting – Townsend – 1:30
Ash Grove public meeting – Montana City School – 6:30
- 4/23 Zoning Commission – Montana City – 8:00 – noon
Lower Jefferson River Watershed meeting – LaHood – 6:00
- 4/27 Center for Mental Health – Great Falls – 10:30

COMMISSION REPORTS

JLDC

Commissioner Lythgoe reported on the JLDC annual planning meeting on Wednesday. Plans will be finalized and brought to the next board meeting.

ASH GROVE

Commissioner Lythgoe reported that he attended the Ash Grove Citizen's Advisory meeting on the 16th. They were brought up to speed on tourmalite testing and results. Air sampling has also been done in the area of the school. Ten people have come back to work, wearing protective gear as a cautionary measure. Any testing that has shown the presence of asbestos has been at a non-threatening level.

MARTINEZ GULCH RID

Commissioner Lythgoe reported that he and Commissioner Kirsch met with the planners, Ken Vivrette and Lanning Trueb regarding a RID/RMD on Martinez Gulch.

SHEEP MOUNTAIN SUBDIVISIONS

Commissioner Lythgoe reported that on Monday he met with the planners and the deputy attorney to discuss the Sheep Mountain subdivisions. The developers have been demanding some type of response from the County. After much discussion and conferring with Matt, a letter went out to the developer from the planning department outlining the developer's responsibility as it relates to Sheep Mountain. Basically what that entails is that they need to build the roads to county standards and they need to sign the variance document that the Commission granted. Because they have not yet signed the document, the variance is not in place. They also informed the developer that the County will have Great West Engineering monitor the project and report back to the Commission and planning department.

MEETING AT THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

Commissioner Lythgoe reported that he attended a meeting in the governor's office the previous day regarding Ash Grove. They discussed the public meeting to be held on the 22nd.

FAIR BOARD

Commissioner Kirsch reported that he attended the Fair Board meeting on Thursday. The board is gearing up for the fair.

ITEMS FOR COMMISSIONERS ACTION OR REVIEW

DISCUSS AND DECIDE ON SUPPORT FOR RMDC BIG BOULDER PROJECT

Commissioner Kirsch moved to support RMDC's taking over of the Big Boulder apartment complex and building two new ones. Commissioner Lythgoe seconded. The motion carried.

DISCUSS AND DECIDE ON COMMISSION SIDEWALK AND PORCH UPGRADE/REPAIR

Commissioner Lythgoe said that he put this item on the agenda prematurely. This will be put on a future agenda.

DISCUSS AND DECIDE ON INTERCAP LOAN FOR MARTINEZ GULCH RID/RMD

Commissioner Lythgoe stated that the Commission has met with the people involved as well as county staff. He is in favor of going out for an Intercap loan for that project in the name of the County. He feels that it is a good project.

Commissioner Lythgoe moved to pursue an Intercap loan for the Martinez Gulch RID/RMD. Commissioner Kirsch seconded. The motion carried.

Commissioner Kirsch moved to adjourn. Commissioner Lythgoe seconded. The motion carried.

MEETING ADJOURNED

ATTEST:

BONNIE RAMEY
CLERK AND RECORDER

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